

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified Application is respectfully requested. Claims 11 - 23 are in the case. Claims 1 - 10 have been canceled. Claims 11 and 13 have been amended. The Specification has been amended.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of Claims 13 - 23.

Regarding the objection to the disclosure, the amendment to Page 18, Line 12, kindly suggested by the Examiner has been made. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the objection has been overcome. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the objections to Claims 1 and 13, Claim 1 has been canceled, thus rendering the objection thereto moot, while the amendment to Claim 13 kindly suggested by the Examiner has been made. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the objections have been overcome. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of these objections are respectfully requested. It is noted that the amendment to Claim 1 kindly suggested by the Examiner has been made to the language from Claim 1 incorporated into Claim 11 in making Claim 11 independent.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1 - 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, based on grounds relating to Claims 1 and 4, Claims 1 - 10 have been canceled, thus rendering this rejection moot with respect to those claims, while in the limitation that is the subject of this rejection, the word "keyed" has been eliminated in the language from Claim 1 incorporated into Claim 11 in making Claim 11 independent, with Claim 12 depending from Claim 11. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejection has been overcome. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1, 4, 5 and 8 - 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Verbin et al., these claims have all been

canceled, thus rendering this rejection moot. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Verbin et al., these claims have all been canceled, thus rendering this rejection moot. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the statement of allowability of Claims 11 and 12 if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These claims have been so rewritten, by way of amendment to Claim 11, and therefore it is respectfully submitted that the objection associated with these claims has been overcome, as well. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

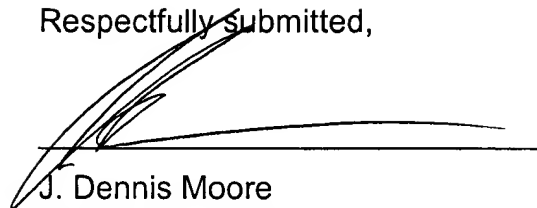
It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite the patentably distinguishing features of the invention and that, taken together with the above remarks, the present application is now in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims are requested at an early date.

While it is believed that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668

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Respectfully submitted,

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